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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with GSA Officials re Polygraphing GSA Guards and Maintenance Personnel

1. Colonel Edwards and I today met with the following officials of GSA with respect to polygraphing the guards and maintenance force in the Agency:

Mr. Rantzow - Deputy Com. for Buildings

Mr. Gould - GSA Office of Personnel

Mr. Alexander - Chief, Protective Services

Mr. Henry - (Part-time) - from Region III GSA

- 2. Colonel Edwards opened the meeting by outlawing the coverage to be given on the P.G., namely, communist party membership, foreign intelligence connections and illegal admission of personnel. He pointed out that we would not be interested in the small "peccadillos" of individuals.
  - 3. GSA personnel discussed with us such problems as:
  - (a) Upon receipt of derogatory information, the downgrading of a Guard from GS-4 to GS-2 upon transfer;
  - (b) The approach to be used. Mr. Gould suggested that the Region III official, who would work on this problem, be briefed to use the individual contact approach so as not to get the whole force excited;
  - (c) The reason for the P.G. program is the concentration in one new building of the most highly classified and sensitive material. Presently, the material is scattered in almost 40 buildings and hence, not as vulnerable.

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- (d) All guards are veterans but only 10% belong to a Union;
- (e) Derogatory information would be passed "eyes only" to the main Security Office of GSA whose Chief is a Paul Fairbanks. We should prevent the establishment of any procedure whereby this information would pass to Region III officials without further OK from the Director of Security.
- 4. GSA officials raised no objection to this proposed program. The next step is for me to get together with a Mr. John Wadsworth, Chief of Region III, to lay on the timing and details of the approach.

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